GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4083
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2000
APPOINTMENT ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS .
SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed/expired while on duty in railways during the last three years, zone-wise;

(b) the number of persons next to the kith and kin of the deceased employee provided employment during the said period, zone-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the dependents of deceased railway employee do not get timely benefits;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to modify the guidelines/instructions in regard to granting of compassionate employment/ financial benefits to the family of the deceased employee; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the other measures being taken by the Government to help the family of deceased railway employees?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (e) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4083 BY SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2000, REGARDING APPOINTMENT COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS.

(a) & (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) (d) & (e) Instructions have been issued and reiterated from time to time to make all out efforts to provide compassionate appointments to the eligible candidates as early as possible within the guidelines laid down for the purpose. Delays, however, occur due to the wards being minor, non-availability of suitable vacancies, legal cases pending in courts, etc. Cases where death occurs while on duty are given top priority. In such cases a time-limit of one month has been laid down for considering appointments on compassionate ground. Settlement dues are also paid within the shortest possible time. Recently, with a view to further expedite pending cases of compassionate appointments, powers which were earlier vested with the General Managers for considering cases of compassionate appointments beyond the prescribed time limits have been delegated to the Divisional Railway Managers/ Heads of Departments/ Chief Works Managers. Also, powers which were earlier vested with the Railway Board, have recently been delegated to the General Managers.